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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR ARTHUR RUBINSTEIN

FOR CU

1. MALTA' ONLY CONCERT HALL, MANOEL THEATRE--A,9,-
PROFIT NATIONAL INSITTUTION, SUBSIDIZED BY GOM, WITH
HIGHLY PLACED MANAGMENT COMMITTEE-HAS MADE A SPECIAL
REQUEST TO EMBASSY.

2. IN 1967, WHILE IN GERMANY, ARTHUR RUBINSTEIN
SLECTED A NEW STEINWAY GRAND ON SPECIAL INVITATION
OF MANOEL. SINCE THAT TIME, MANOEL THEATRE HAS
BEEN TRYING DILIGENTLY TO ENGAGE RUBINSTEIN TO
PERFORM ON THIS PIANO. FEES HAVE, TO DATE, BEEN
BEYOND MANOEL'S CAPABILITIES.

3. MANOEL THEATRE NOW WISHES TO INVITE RUBINSTEIN
TO MALTA AS GOM GUEST. SUOOTTIVES ONE OR TWO
CONCERTS, WITH PRECEEDS TO A CHARIABLE INSTITUTION
OF HIS CHOOSING PREFERABLY LOCAL. DESIRES APPEARANCE
ANY TIME RUBINSTEIN WILL BE INN EUROPE, WITH PREFERENCE
FOR APRIL 1 THROUGH JUNE 15, 1974--OR THEREAFTER,
FROM FOLLOWING OCTOBER 1 THROUGH JUNE 15. TRAVEL
BETWEEN EUROPEAN CITY AND MALTA WILL BE SHARED BY
EMBASSY AND MANOEL THEATRE.

4. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS OVVIOUS DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED
AND SLIM PROBABILITY OF SUCCESS, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE
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